

**Minutes
Evaluation Committee
Portland Harbor Community Advisory Group
May 28, 2004**

Attending: Steve Gunther, Joe Keating, Vinh Mason, Jane Harris, Dorothy Shoemaker, Bill McCauley.

Vinh reported on the technical briefings at the Port. He said that the Port had finally agreed with EPA and CAG standards for sampling that included 14 to 20 foot core sampling depths. He also said that our concerns about dioxin sampling sites had been addressed and he believed that there would be 50 sampling sites for dioxin. He will follow up with Chip Humphrey to be sure. Vinh will also look at the bathymetric information and make recommendation to the committee where sampling depths may need to be changed.

Round 1 sampling of beaches has been completed and we need to see the results.

The committee discussed the Risk Assessment and agreed that **we need to see the full report on the fish tissue sampling done by ODHS. We also need to understand how that information will be incorporated into the LWG risk assessment. We also agreed that recreational fishers need to be looked at carefully as they may fish more heavily from the harbor than tribal members.**

Sampling starts this summer and the CAG will be invited to go out on some of the sampling trips.

The committee discussed the Early Action Clean Up at T-4 slip 3 and developed a list of questions for the Port. The committee feels that this effort is a microcosm of the larger clean up and we need to educate ourselves and hold the Port accountable for an appropriate clean up that meets the CAG's goal of protecting human health and the environment. Jane handed out a booklet produced by the Sierra Club from the Fox River clean up in Michigan that provides detailed information on different types of dredges and their proper use and all the various types of treatment and disposal options. The Oregon Center for Environmental Health has ordered more copies of the booklet for the CAG.

The Evaluation Committee developed a list of questions that they would like the Port to address regarding the Early Action Clean Up at the Port.

1. Is the amount of dredging more or less than needed for complete clean up of the site?
2. Does the cost for this project get credited to the Port's portion of liability for the overall clean up?
3. What type of dredging equipment is being used and what kind of certification and experience does the operator have on the particular dredge?
4. How is the sediment going to be treated?
5. How does chemical testing at the site overlap with the Sampling Plan testing?
6. How will contamination be removed without further contamination?

Our next meeting is June 25th at 11:30 in the conference room at the Oregon Center for Environmental Health at 516 SE Morrison, Suite 300.

From Dorothy's notes: We also asked if there will be dredging at the GASCO cleanup, and if there will be chemical testing at T3 Slip 4. Will they be same same tests as in the Harbor cleanup? Will the full suite of chemicals be tested?